

THE SPEAKERSHIP CONTEST.

COX AND CARLISLE HAVING THE FIELD

**Gen. Butler Encouraging Cox's Adherents—
Fighting on Temperance Principles—Kam-
dall Coming In on the Homestretch.**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Gen. Butler thinks Mr. Cox ought to be elected Speaker. This afternoon he visited Mr. Cox's headquarters at the Hotel Hamilton, and after a long and friendly conversation, he returned to his quarters, and Mr. Cox's canvass seem like a very tangible thing, a feature it has not heretofore notably possessed; for, despite Mr. Cox's earnestness, and that of Gen. Slocum, Congressman Hill, and two or three others, there has been a feeling that this thing has gone over the heads of the spectators like a canvass. But Gen. Butler, who seems to know everything, is reported as saying that Mr. Cox's candidacy is favored by Democrats, and that it is as promising as that of any one else. Mr. Carlisle thinks that Mr. Cox will get a very large vote, but that he will be defeated by the balloting goos on Mr. Cox's friends will leave him. Mr. Carlisle expects to get a fair proportion of Mr. Cox's vote. On the other hand, Mr. Randall's friends here say that the bulk of Mr. Carlisle's vote will be for the Speaker, and that, by pulling out of its strength by the other candidates does not please Mr. Cox, and he intimates that if he is to get a large vote, he must be pulling out of votes his will be the benefit thereof. He has been a very busy man to-day. His mail has been very large, and he has been writing and replying to it. He has been thronged, and when he is in town he may be seen dashing about the streets, and could be seen in the streets.

that he will surprise the caucus by having not less than sixty on the first ballot. As Mr. Carlisle has been so long absent from the caucus, it will be seen that Cox and Carlisle together will have a large vote on the first ballot that same ballot. On the other hand, those who have made very careful estimates say that the first ballot will be made up of about 100 and in the second enough to elect. It is not probable that the caucus has not developed enough to justify any such estimate. The impression of Republican politicians who are in the city is that Mr. Carlisle will not be here until Monday, Mr. Springer arrives tonight, and Mr. Carlisle will not be here until he will start in with the vote of Illinois, but his candidacy is not likely to make any serious inroads on the vote of the Democrats. The first caucus has begun on temperance principles, and it is not probable that there will be an opportunity for him that had no money to buy drinks. Both Mr. Carlisle and Mr. Cox have had drinks in his canvasses. Mr. Carlisle, in ad-

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Mr. Trainor Found Dead in a Field.

TRENTON, Nov. 16.—Catharine Trainor, married woman, 45 years old, left her home on Wednesday afternoon, and nothing more was seen of her until this morning, when her dead body was found by her on a road in a ploughed field, several miles from the city. She is supposed to have wandered away while temporarily insane, as there are no indications of foul play.

HAMILTON, ONT., Nov. 16.—Mrs. Langtry, who was too ill to perform here as announced last night, was no better to-day, but notwithstanding she went to London, where she is to perform. She is suffering from nervous fever.

Frost and Ice in Texas.

DALLAS, Nov. 16.—The first frost of the season occurred here this morning, and was followed by some light rain and a high temperature. A heavy fall of snow is predicted.

The Signal Office Prediction.

Fair weather; slowly rising temperature; wind shifting to west and light; lower barometer.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

The Phoenix block in Mount Vernon, Ill., was burned on Thursday night. Loss \$50,000.

The residence of Hiram Tutbill, in Port Jefferson, was burned yesterday morning. Loss, \$5,000.

M. D. Baldwin's corn canning factory, in Bradenton, was burned yesterday morning. Loss, \$10,000.

The Methodist church and two residences were burned at Niles, Ohio, yesterday morning. Loss, \$15,000.

Two stores in southern Indiana were burned yesterday morning. Loss, \$10,000.

Two business places and dwellings. Loss, \$30,000.

The stores of Williams & Williams and Black, Todd & Co., in London, England, were burned yesterday morning. Loss, \$100,000.

A fire in the upper floor of Mandel Brothers' store, on the corner of Madison and Dearborn streets, in Chicago, caused the loss of the largest retail dry goods house in the city, and three lives.

The flour and saw mill of Newton Turley and three other dwellings in Orleans, Ind., were burned on Thursday morning. Loss, \$100,000.

A fire in Columbus Miss. yesterday morning destroyed

collected yesterday.

Several manufacturing, learning house, barbers and other businesses were destroyed and stable in Houston, Mo., were burned on Thursday night. Loss about \$13,000.

Twelve thousand dollars worth of lumber was destroyed at the Commercial Bank at Lawrenceville, Ind., was burned on Thursday. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

At St. Louis, Mo., a fire at the Crawford, Pa., destroyed Fox Bros. machine shop and oil well, 22 barrels off the tank, and other dwellings and factories.

Anderson's carriage works in Columbus, Ohio, were destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss about \$20,000.

Valentine's ice establishment, Powell's planing mill and other buildings were destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss about \$20,000.

Yesterday morning a frame building in the Southward Chester, Pa., used as a carpet weaving establishment, was destroyed by fire. The building was four brick buildings near by, and the five buildings were destroyed.

A fire at 141 Haverhill street, Boston's yesterday morning, destroyed the stock and machinery of R. Pratt, a local tanner, and injured the stock and machinery of R. Pratt. Loss over \$100,000. An explosion of alcoholics in the city of Boston, destroyed the stock and machinery of R. Pratt, a local tanner, and injured the stock and machinery of R. Pratt. Loss over \$100,000. An explosion of alcoholics in the city of Boston, destroyed the stock and machinery of R. Pratt, a local tanner, and injured the stock and machinery of R. Pratt. Loss over \$100,000.